

DVR Business Committee
FY19 End of the Year Report

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Over the last year, our consortium has collaborated on many topics. In the fall, we discussed the following: specific conferences that are available to CTE teachers, the September Triton College visit, a recap of the School College Alliance Workshop, IT and business earnings, improving student transition to post-secondary, and incorporating reading strategies into our curriculum. In the spring, we talked about non-traditional programs, math integration, student career experience, dual credit, and best practices.

Postsecondary and career expectations were analyzed, specifically from the handout and website resources from Illinois PaCE. We also evaluated the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicator Implementation Guidelines.

Two guest speakers visited our meetings to talk to us about curriculum resources and current trends in the job market. Rod McQuality from the Innovative Curriculum Resources Project shared his organization's website and presented statistics on college graduates who cannot find jobs after graduation. He also showed us stats on the "Generation Jobless". A graph was displayed showing what students are pursuing in college vs. what jobs are available.

Scott Nasatir, the Senior Regional Director for a non-for-profit, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, visited us in November. He identified the importance of teaching an entrepreneurial mindset to ALL students, not just the ones studying business. His organization has many resources available; including curriculum, industry professionals and business mentors. Part of their mission is focusing on the connection between the students and the community.

Collectively, both committees would like to bring back Tech Share. We are all committed to helping organize the spring event.

Ridgewood High School opened its doors in April for our committee to tour two of its programs. Teachers were exposed to the business aspect of running a student print shop and the school's Geometry and Construction course.

Certiport and certification training were discussed at great lengths in all of our meetings. Certiport responded positively and quickly to all of our questions.

Our group attended many conferences and workshops. Some including, ACTE, IBEA, NBEA, ICE and the Connections Conference.